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September 20th, 1916

E. A. Dale, Esq.,

Athelma Apartments,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Dale:

I am glad to hear from you because when the Bursar mentioned to me at the Board of Governors last week that you had written to him stating that you had been appointed to Queen's University in a temporary position for the winter I said that the last word I had from you was to the effect that Professor Glover had been appointed and that you would be with us. I had not the letter with me and could not say whether it was written before or after the one you had sent to him.

I hope that you will have a profitable winter in Queen's and that it may be the opening for you of a larger position than we are at present able to give you. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Garden Island
near Kingston, Ont.
30th April 1917

Dear President Falconer,

My visit to Toronto was incomplete through my not seeing you to talk to, though I enjoyed your address on the Ideals of the Belligerents especially owing to your strong emphasis on the ethical side of Education. I had however nothing definite to say to you with regard to arrangements for next year, and did not consider that when you were so busy I had any particular claim for an interview.

Queen's wish me to take up the work as acting Head of the Latin Department for 1917-8. They will throw the post open next spring, should the war be over, but I shall not be debarred from consideration. The work in Kingston has been very valuable to me on account of the responsibility and also on account of the variety of teaching. (Curiously enough a course is to be offered in Greek and Roman History next session, and I was naturally able to tell them what we do in Toronto & to make suggestions.) A second year would be more satisfactory in every way however the appointment may finally go. I have consulted Professor

Milner and he informed me that as pupils and courses are in Toronto, I could be spared from the department easily enough. If you find you agree to my leave of absence for another year, I should be much obliged to you.

There is perhaps less chance of our crossing trails this Summer than last! We are already finding the initial labour of cottage cleaning an agreeable holiday and Kingston seems far away, accessible as it is in half-an-hour.

My wife joins me in kind regards to Mr Falconer & yourself.

I am

Sincerely yours,

Ernest A. Dale

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May 2nd, 1916

E. A. Dale, Esq.,

Garden Island, near Kingston, Ont.

Dear Mr. Dale:

I am glad to hear from you, more especially because I had written to Principal Gordon a day or two ago asking him to consult you with regard to your desire to remain as acting head of the Latin Department in Queen's for 1917-18.

If you really wish to stay and you feel that you might have a chance of promotion there in the spring, we shall endeavour to do the work next year without you. It may involve some difficulty for us inasmuch as Professor Fletcher seems to me in such a state of health that we cannot rely confidentally upon his taking the full burden next winter. Also, at present Dr. Johnston is very critically ill. However, if you wish to stay in Queen's, as I said, Principal Hutton and Professor Milner will both endeavour to get the work done here in some way.

I hope that Mrs. Dale and the baby are well. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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May 8th, 1917

E. A. Dale, Esq.,

Garden Island, near Kingston, Ont.

Dear Mr. Dale:

You will be sorry to have seen by the paper that Professor Johnston died last Friday. This creates a very serious gap for us, particularly as Professor Fletcher is so unwell. It is necessary for us therefore to make arrangements for Latin at once.

After consultation with Principal Hutton and Professor Wilner I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to come back next winter and take as Assistant Professorship in Latin at $2100, though you would have to do some work also in Ancient History in the meantime until the war is over, but your permanent position would be in Latin, and you would advance by $100 a year. It seems to me that your future would be good.

I am sorry to interfere with the plans of Queen's University, but it is quite necessary for us to take steps to fill our positions, and we feel that we should make the first offer to you. Perhaps you will let me hear from you as soon as possible.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Queen's University
Kingston, Ontario

10th May 1917

Dear President Falconer,

Professor Johnston's death came as a surprise to me, and I at once saw how serious the loss would be to Toronto. Under such circumstances I think I am acting rightly in accepting the offer you have made me of an Assistant Professorship in Latin at $2100, it being understood that I shall give help in Ancient History. I must confess that I looked forward with pleasure to a second session at Queen's, but at the same time I feel that my place is clearly at Toronto now. I am writing to Principal Borden by the same mail.

With kind regards
I am
Sincerely yours
Ernest A. Dale

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto.